

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING**

December 15, 2016
Gambling Control Board Conference Room
Department of Public Safety
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine
Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** William Varney, Chair
- 2. Review and Approval of Decision and Orders**
Review and Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2016; June 9, 2016; June 24, 2016
- 3. Appeal of Presiding Judge Decision:**
 - a.** Appeal from Wil Dubois concerning Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 14. Mr. Dubois is appealing the July 7, 2016 decision of Presiding Judge Ed Kelleher in which Judge Kelleher assessed a \$500 fine for failing to submit his horse “When In Doubt” to the testing barn before leaving the paddock.
- 4. Adjudicatory Hearings:**
 - a. RE: Michael Hitchcock, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 15.** Mr. Hitchcock is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Hitchcock is trainer of record for the horse “Electric Chapel N”. A pre-race blood sample obtained from Electric Chapel N prior to the Eighth Race at the Windsor Fair on August 28, 2016 disclosed the presence of Total Carbon Dioxide at an elevated level.
 - b. RE: Michael Hitchcock, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 18.** Mr. Hitchcock is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Hitchcock is the trainer of record for the horse “Kid Courageous A”. A blood sample obtained from Kid Courageous A following the Second Race at Scarborough Downs on September 9, 2016 disclosed the presence of Testosterone at an elevated level.
 - c. RE: Michael Hitchcock, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 19.** Mr. Hitchcock is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Hitchcock is the trainer of record for the horse “Allamerican Dice”. A pre-race blood sample obtained from Allamerican Dice prior to the Sixth Race at the Oxford Fair on September 15, 2016 disclosed the presence of Total Carbon Dioxide at an elevated level.

- d. **RE: Michael Hitchcock, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 24.** Mr. Hitchcock is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Hitchcock is the trainer of record for the horse “Roddy’s Nor’Easter”. A blood sample obtained from Roddy’s Nor’Easter following the Seventh Race at the Cumberland Fair on September 30, 2016 disclosed the presence of Prednisolone.
 - e. **RE: Gerald Laughlin, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 22.** Mr. Laughlin is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Laughlin is the trainer of record for the horse “Kid Courageous A”. A blood sample obtained from Kid Courageous A following the Eighth Race at the Farmington Fair on September 23, 2016 disclosed the presence of Testosterone at an elevated level.
 - f. **RE: Gerald Laughlin, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 23.** Mr. Laughlin is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 and 11. Mr. Laughlin is the trainer of record for the horse “Kid Courageous A”. A blood sample obtained from Kid Courageous A following the Seventh Race at the Oxford Fair on September 16, 2016 disclosed the presence of Testosterone at an elevated level.
- 5. **Adoption of Proposed Amendment to Chapter 11**
 - 6. **Consideration of Proposed Amendment to Chapter 9**
 - 7. **Approval of the Maine Standardbred Breeders Sire Stakes Race Dates**
 - 8. **Consideration of Delegation of Prohibited Substance Cases When the Licensee Agrees to the Minimum Penalty**
 - 9. **Schedule of Future Meetings:**
 - January 25, 2017
 - February 24, 2017
 - 10. **Adjourn**